

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-38 (canceled)

Claim 39 (amended) ~~The computer-executable system of claim 38,~~ A computer-executable system that selectively operates any of a plurality of independently-executable applications, the system comprising:

- (a) a user interface that transmits an instruction set having a plurality of instructions for selection by a user and receives at least one selected instruction based upon said instruction set, said at least one selected instruction designating a target application from a plurality of independently-executable computer applications;  
wherein the user interface further comprises a topic selection interface and  
wherein the topic selection interface is displayed only when commands are  
executed via the user interface;
- (b) a data retrieval interface that receives a plurality of data from a computer memory,  
said plurality of data based upon said at least one selected instruction;  
wherein a portion of said data comprises audio or video data;
- (c) a data interpreter that receives said data from the computer memory and said at least one selected instruction, said data interpreter translates said data into a plurality of actions with respect to said target application and said data;
- (d) a target application interface that receives at least some of said plurality of actions and that selectively issues some of said plurality of actions for externally operating

the target application and that relays feedback from the target application back through the data interpreter to the user interface;

wherein the target application interface selectively takes control of the target application based upon user input.

Claim 40 (amended) ~~The computer-executable system of claim 38,~~ A computer-executable system that selectively operates any of a plurality of independently-executable applications, the system comprising:

- (a) a user interface that transmits an instruction set having a plurality of instructions for selection by a user and receives at least one selected instruction based upon said instruction set, said at least one selected instruction designating a target application from a plurality of independently-executable computer applications;
  - wherein the user interface further comprises a topic selection interface and
  - wherein the topic selection interface is displayed only when commands are executed via the user interface;
- (b) a data retrieval interface that receives a plurality of data from a computer memory, said plurality of data based upon said at least one selected instruction;
  - wherein a portion of said data comprises audio or video data;
- (c) a data interpreter that receives said data from the computer memory and said at least one selected instruction, said data interpreter translates said data into a plurality of actions with respect to said target application and said data;
- (d) a target application interface that receives at least some of said plurality of actions and that selectively issues some of said plurality of actions for externally operating

the target application and that relays feedback from the target application back through the data interpreter to the user interface;

wherein the target application interface takes control of the target application based upon said at least some of said plurality of actions and completely releases control of the target application based upon completion of some said plurality of actions.

Claim 41 (amended) ~~The computer-executable system of claim 38,~~ A computer-executable system that selectively operates any of a plurality of independently-executable applications, the system comprising:

- (a) a user interface that transmits an instruction set having a plurality of instructions for selection by a user and receives at least one selected instruction based upon said instruction set, said at least one selected instruction designating a target application from a plurality of independently-executable computer applications;

wherein the user interface further comprises a topic selection interface and wherein the topic selection interface is displayed only when commands are executed via the user interface;

- (b) a data retrieval interface that receives a plurality of data from a computer memory, said plurality of data based upon said at least one selected instruction;

wherein a portion of said data comprises audio or video data;

- (c) a data interpreter that receives said data from the computer memory and said at least one selected instruction, said data interpreter translates said data into a plurality of actions with respect to said target application and said data; and

- (d) a target application interface that receives at least some of said plurality of actions and that selectively issues some of said plurality of actions for externally operating the target application and that relays feedback from the target application back through the data interpreter to the user interface;

wherein the target application interface takes control of the target application based upon user input and completely releases control of the target application upon completion of said at least some of said plurality of actions.

Claims 42-62 (canceled)